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BULLETIN #2

IN ORDER TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING THE TWO EPAs ARE KNOWN BY  
USERS BY CERTAIN NAMES. EPA CONSIDERS IT BEST TO PRESENT THE  
FOLLOWING:

EPA considers its purpose to disseminate information based only on facts and the true state of affairs, this until the time when the Estonian newspapers in the free world have again found their proper place in our community as impartial disseminators of news. They have now fallen onto the level of the occupation times when one could find the truth only by reading between the lines.

Nationalistic Estonians behind the EPA can no longer remain only silent spectators while in the last few years they have observed the work of some of our people in some organizations founded by us, involving the wiggling of the red worm into our Toronto Estonian community, into the community which until now has been considered one of the more immune castles against the communist propaganda of lies. We have nothing to learn from the yield--to--communists policy of the western countries.

EPA will continue to issue bulletins until the "sick teeth" have been extracted. This will naturally cause pain to several involved people and their friends, but helps to preserve the healthy ones who, being strong and willing to act, will form a compact Estonian community to fend off the next possible attacks by Tim Buck.

How such a national-political scandal could take place in Toronto, caused by our writers, artists and other leading persons will remain a riddle to everybody. Likely the motives why these people took such a shameful step will also remain a secret. Were they paid, or did they act because of ideological reasons? Were they misguided into this, or did they meet the red functionaries only because of petty desire for fame? Nothing is known! Nobody knows! Even our political organization, Estonian Central Council, does not know--it only wishes to remain silent.

or is in forced to silence by some invisible force! One thing they nevertheless know and, after two special meetings of the executive, they have publicized their firm conclusion that the guilty ones in this scandal are not their friends Wkkaums, Bernice, Ojas, Pihlas, Naclapans who naively went to the secret meeting with the red emissary, R. Sirge, but instead the guilty party is the publishers of ETA, who dared to lift the cloak of secrecy from the activities of some of our people, and informed with their bulletin #1 our exiled community which was in the dark.---"All cannons of accusation must be aimed at the publishers of ETA" is the present slogan of our Credit Union, General Council and Newspaper editors, with the purpose of forcing to silence the "man on the street", who is politically ignorant and unable to criticize our "higher society" and their actions.

The former soldiers cannot remain silent, nor in the lines of the spectators any longer. When, twenty years ago, we aimed our fire toward the enemy at Maaksa, Luunga, Kavastu, Narva-Tartu or at Noristu, now by force of circumstances guns must be replaced by pencils, pens or the typewriter. Our biggest and most cruel enemy, communism, has not changed nor has it satisfied its appetite after conquering the homeland of the Estonians, after enslaving our people, or after deporting them to Siberia. No, the red fingers are stretching themselves now after our exiles in the western hemisphere in order to destroy, break-up and shatter, just as they are doing to our people in the homeland.---This was the job R. Sirge was given by Moscow, to make contact and communicate with our intellectuals in Toronto. The R.S.M.P. and C.I.A. organizations were aware of these moves--but not our homeland. Can the gentlemen and ladies in our "higher society" still not smell the danger into which they are pushing our exiled group, if they prefer to defend their naive friends and their divisions with silence? Do you really believe that Sirge's blow below the belt remains the last? Do

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you not remember which "straight blows" (sirge equal-to straight) Mr. Suurvali aimed at Estonians in Stockholm? Can you not recall Mackenzie's blows below the belt in New York or Sweden? Do you still believe that your geniuslike brains helped you flee from Estonia rather than Estonian soldiers who in their blood and sweat defended the battlefronts so as to give you time to pack up and flee before the red onslaught of 1944, in September? Do you still not understand that it is "the man on the street" to whom you owe your present positions in our community rather than your personal luck and ability?  
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In order that nobody in our exiled group would have double thoughts we shall look back on events in connection with the red emissary Sirgeo's visit to the apartments of Ekbaum and Berne. Nor is it without interest to look back on meetings in November, 1963 and Spring 1964 which may or may not be in connection with the present activities. The people listed below "the who is who" does not necessarily mean that one or another is red, pink, yellow or green--nevertheless this should remove the desire of future emissaries from Moscow to contact and disturb those people, since they have been warned.

Mr. H. Oja who is a member of the executive of the Estonian Writers Association started in the late Fall of 1963 a collection among Estonians in Toronto in order to honor Dr. Ivar Grunthal from Sweden with an invitation. Since the majority of our compatriots did not know who Dr. I. Grunthal is, they remained rather cool and noncommittal to H. Oja's action.

Nevertheless Dr. Grunthal arrived in Toronto and here a number of our intellectuals organized for him a reception which coffee in the living rooms of G. Puhm's church. Subsequently, numerous interesting facts have become apparent regarding the aforementioned person, who is the editor-in-chief of the periodical "Maa" and super-active writer,

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having translated numerous poems by red poets in Soviet Estonia, into Swedish. According to known information to Dr. E. Grunthal, the only Estonian who in the beginning of this year along with Volk-Bushman sent a telegram from Sweden to Spain, the text of which was as follows: "Greetings to our colleagues who are perishing in fascist prisons" undersigned, Ivar Grunthal. This telegram was also printed prominently in some Estonian newspapers which are published in Sweden.

The general meeting of EOC was held on April 25, 1961 in the Estonian house. Heino Joe was elected chairman of the meeting. During discussion of usual problems and questions, a resolution was presented by E. Salurand-V. Jurimaa for the approval by the meeting to aid our battle against communism. The resolution was as follows: "The general meeting of EOC condemns propagation of ideologies of any kind of co-existence among the Estonian community in exile, as proclaimed by the previous council, i.e. anti-communist fighting, and abstention from any kind of contact with communist functionaries, including visits to the occupied home country". The following voted for the resolution: Salurand-Veidebaum-Jurimaa-Urn-Kala-Lupp-Heino, Riisna and Tralla, that is nine votes. Against the resolution, i.e. for co-existence with communists voted: Joe, Kareda, Pahapill, Herma, Pato, Trase, Nova <sup>and</sup> Porkka-- that is eight votes against. Announcing the result of the vote, chairman Heino Joe called it a shameful decision for the meeting. A protest was raised against this statement and H. Joe was removed from his post as chairman.--Let the above be an introduction to the events which started this Fall, on the 19th of September, when the eleven member cultural delegation from the Soviet Union arrived in Toronto with a member of the Reconstruction Battalion as one of the group.

After the delegation had settled in the King Edward hotel, the red writer from Soviet Estonia, who has been honored with Red Order,

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contracted Salme Ekbaum, for whom he had a parcel and greetings from her sister Minni Nurm. As we mentioned in the previous bulletin, Minni Nurm is since 1944 a member of the Writers Union of the USSR and married to Adu Himo, member of the USSR Presidium who was also an active participant in the June (1940) change of government and an "author of the people", crowned with Orders in the present Soviet Estonia. The two sisters, Salme Ekbaum and Minni Nurm, have a brother, H. Neumann, who is living in St. Catharines where he fled after the unsuccessful communist uprising in the republic of Estonia in 1924. Since, having as a high guest from far away tasted the kindness of the Ekbaums' as hosts for two days in Toronto, also expressed the desire to meet others among our writers, artists, for which reason contact was made with Berme, Oja, Pihla and Naalapea. Supposedly, H. Oja phoned also many others among our intellectuals, but they supposedly refused to sit at the same table with the red functionary.

The people mentioned above met, however, in Berme's home in the Estonian apartment block on the 21st of September in the evening and left the party not until early morning of the following day, when the host, Berme, drove personally his famous guest back to his hotel.

What was discussed at that meeting and what propositions were made, or accepted--nobody knows. Berme, however, as a member of the executive of EOC had betrayed the principles of our battle organisations, no matter what he would say, if he says anything at all to anybody?-- After that, stories started to move around among the Estonians in Toronto regarding this secret meeting, about which EOC and the representatives of the newspapers wished to keep all the from the public. Hundreds of our compatriots who were more or less aware of what had happened waited for seven days until it was decided to force our newspapers to publish the truth. It was for this purpose that the ETA bulletin was prepared on September 28th.

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At the same time that the facts were being given to the public, there was a meeting, a special meeting of the EOC executive in the Estonian House, where Mr. Berme had been asked to present his "Proposal". The chairman of the meeting was the present EOC president H. Parkma. As expected, there was a lot of discussion during the meeting, Berme asked to be relieved of the work of the executive, apologized for his naive behavior, but did not submit to anybody any reports in connection with the meeting with Sirge in his apartment. Therefore, subsequent announcements in the Estonian newspapers in Toronto are false and completely misleading to the public. More about this below.

At that meeting the trio Parkma-Trass-Toi were acting as defenders of K. Berme, using all kinds of legal tricks; it was also decided not to include in the agenda of the general meeting on October 31st, the question about Berme, since the executive had already accepted his resignation and "the guilty one" would be forgotten by that time. In the interest of the public the meeting also suggested that this scandalous story should be subdued and softened so as not to give rise to panic among the people.

However, the situation changed on the following day, when the "E" bulletin had reached its readers. If you, the reader, will follow the subsequent editions of our newspapers in Toronto (reproduced on the reverse) you will convince yourselves how incomplete and inaccurately their statements in "The Free Estonian" are. Black Joe, alias Haino Joe, in his column "Sirge ja Kover" (Straight and Crooked) puts everything into one kettle--be it the Russians, the communists or the publishers of the "E". The main thing is that it is still confused and maybe this helps some naive people to forget his speech delivered on February 23rd, 1964 at the University of Waterloo, during the Independence Day celebration of the Estonian Republic. What a pity that H. Joe did not

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'name' us reds' at the time when we were on the battlefield as far as giving him time to flee to Sweden!

ETA is in complete agreement with the editorial in "Free Estonian" of October 10th, under the heading "Our Position" by the "EL", with the exception of those ten lines in the middle where the author thoughtlessly calls the editors of the bulletin communists. This remark may have been caused by the pressure exerted by some business partner.

The editorials in "Our Life" reflect, however, the slogan of the Estonian Credit Union and EOC, where it is thought that the death penalty is too light a penalty for the publishers of the ETA bulletin! The author of the editorial "Anonymity Should Not Be Ours" forgets his own professional ethics, leaving the article without any initials. Does he really believe that his editorial represents the broad collegium and the editorial staff of "Our Life"?-!

The last resolution of the EOC executive sounds too dictatorial, where a small dictator submits his written memorandum to the executive for confirmation. The text is the following with a big heading: "Estonians in exile continue their struggle unchanged", the sub-heading is: "EOC condemns the anonymous bulletin and the spreading of gossip" in the two column article there is, however, not a single word said about who really caused this national big scandal in Toronto. Was it the publishers of ETA who, based on factual knowledge, informed our exiled group and forced our silent newspapers to this--or was it the traitors of our principles, ekbaums, sermes, ofas, piklas, nachlapeds? It should be obvious even to a blind man that everything is not in order with our EOC executive which accepts its orders from our Credit Union--not as it should be in a nationally sound Estonian community! And we are not afraid of your threats in the EOC just as we were not afraid of the enemy at "Kote-Sinimaa", nor are we afraid that it may discover our firing positions--we are not afraid of you

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or of other co-existencealists behind the writing desks in Toronto:

After the appearance of ETA bulletin #1 in connection with Sarge's attempt to drive a wedge among the Estonians in Toronto, many of our compatriots (at the moment 23 cases known) have received threatening letters from unknown people, where the texts are as follows: "Think of your relatives", "Stay away from the present occurrences", "If you do not refrain from attacking certain people, your friends and relatives will suffer", these are three of the known variations of threatening letters, written by hand as well as prepared on the typewriter. Maybe there are more? Does the EOC plan to protect the emissaries from Moscow? Had K. Kerme been entrusted with more positions in our organisations, or only in the executive of the EOC? Which archive materials belonging to Estonians, and in what quantities, were those under the control of K. Kerme on the 15th of October, 1964? ETA requests public answers to the Estonian community from the secretariat of the EOC in the two Estonian papers of Toronto "Free Estonians" and "Our Life" placed in a clear, easily seen position, in regards to the questions raised above:  
October 16, 1964

In the fourth page of the bulletin, there are excerpts from Estonian newspapers. ETA asks its readers to observe the brief notices and small headings, when the misdeeds of the friends of the EOC were discussed, and the large heading and longer article, when the ETA bulletin was condemned.

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